

Indian rate of import duty on kerosene is three annas and nine pies and that on petrol is twelve annas per imperial gallon.

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|              | 1114.      | 1115.      |
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|              | Gallons.   | Gallons.   |
| Petrol ...   | 12,98,450. | 12,09,338  |
| Kerosene ... | 37,79,435  | 29,18,825. |

**Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar:** With reference to part (b) of the answer may I know what are the restrictions for not levying the duty?

**Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan:** Apart from the usual restrictions implied in the commercial treaty with British India no other restrictions exist. That is, no duty is leviable on kerosene and petrol which have been already levied to duty in British India.

**Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar:** In view of our share from the yield of customs collected in the Cochin harbour, may I know whether the duty on petrol and kerosene realised in the Cochin harbour is included in the amount to be distributed?

**Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan:** I know only the share we get, and do not know how the share is calculated and arrived at.

**Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar (Nominated):** With reference to answer to part (c) may I know why there was a perceptible fall in the import of kerosene in 1115 compared with 1114?

**Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan:** It may mean that kerosene oil was displaced by some other lighting oil, or other substitutes.

**Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar:** Has the Pallivasal Scheme anything to do in the matter of reducing the import of kerosene?

**President:** The Scheme is not yet fully made use of.

#### *Registration Certificate.*

17. **\*Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the Registration Certificate issued in form No. 34 Registration Department there is a note (a) to the effect that the department is not responsible for the mistakes or omissions in the information supplied in the certificate; and

(b) whether the parties are put to much loss and hardship for want of a certification that the particulars entered in the certificate are guaranteed to be correct?

**Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar:** (a) Yes.

(b) No, so far as Government are aware.

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**Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar :** With reference to part (a) of the answer, may I know whether the parties are not to pay the prescribed fees ?

**Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar :** Yes.

**Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar :** How is it then that the Department is not responsible for the mistakes and omissions, if any, in the certificates issued ?

**Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar :** In the majority of cases searches are made by the parties concerned.

**Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar :** What about mistakes and omissions in the searches made by the Departmental authorities ?

**President :** They are liable departmentally.

**Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar :** Yes, Sir.

**Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar :** In view of the responsibility of the Department is it advisable to retain that clause in the certificates issued to the parties ?

**Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar :** It is necessary.

**Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar :** What are the reasons to think that it is necessary ?

**Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar :** As I stated already 99.9 per cent. of cases of searches are made by the parties concerned and they are responsible for any mistakes.

**Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar :** In view of the statement that the responsibility for the omissions and commissions in the certificates issued is on the department, may I know whether the form should not be corrected by removing that clause ?

**Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar :** The rules do not contemplate such a provision. The responsibility is not entirely on the department.

**Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar :** May I know whether such a provision exists in the Registration certificate issued from the Cochin State and in British India Registration Offices ?

**Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar :** I am not aware.

**Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar :** May I know whether it is not rather unsafe to entrust these records to the possession of parties ?

**Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar :** No. These records are entrusted to parties in the presence of the registration officer concerned and the search is made in their presence.